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C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 06331

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, DPC  
SUBJECT: SYG LUNS' PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE  
MAY 17-18 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: (A) USNATO 6259 (DTG 301659Z JUN 77), (B) USNATO  
4452 (DTG 311735Z MAY 77)

1. IN REF A WE TRANSMITTED TEXT OF PO/77/100, IN WHICH  
SYG LUNS PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON DPC MINISTERIAL  
AGENDA ITEMS IV, V, AND VI. THE SYG WILL CONSIDER  
APPROVAL BY THE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION UNLESS HE HEARS  
OBJECTION BY JULY 11, 1977.

2. THE ACTION PROPOSED FOR AGENDA ITEM IVC WOULD CON-  
SIDERABLY DELAY INITIATION OF THE STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES  
TO ACCELERATE INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICA-  
TIONS SYSTEMS. THE CNAD TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON C-E EQUIP-  
MENT (TSGCEE), AT ITS RECENTLY COMPLETED MEETING, AGREED  
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THAT IT IS THE PROPER BODY TO UNDERTAKE THIS STUDY, AND  
IT SET UP THE MECHANISM TO DO THE WORK. HOWEVER, IT WILL  
NOT START WORK ON THIS STUDY UNTIL PROPERLY ASSIGNED THE  
TASK. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DPC SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ASSIGN  
THE CNAD ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM AND THE NADREPS,  
ACTING FOR THE CNAD, SHOULD QUICKLY PASS IT TO THE TSGCEE.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US BREAK SILENCE ON THE PO AND PROPOSE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM IVC AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

4. REGARDING ITEM V ON NATO AEW, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NATO AEW PROGRAM OFFICE (NAPO) TRANSMIT THE REVISED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) TO THE US IN AUGUST SO THAT FIRM COSTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NATO BY OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE PROBLEM EXPRESSED BY OTHERS, WE FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY OF NATIONS OR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OBJECTING TO THE TRANSMISSION OF THE RFP TO THE CONTRACTOR BEFORE THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EVALUATION OF THE REVISED FORCE. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARGUE AGAINST SUCH A DELAY ON THE BASIS THAT THE FINAL MILITARY JUDGEMENT CAN BE FACTORED INTO THE PROGRAM ON RECEIPT, AND THAT FIRM COSTS ARE NEEDED BY OCTOBER TO ALLOW DEFENSE MINISTERS TO CONSIDER THE PROGRAM IN DECEMBER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BEFORE JULY 8, 1977. BENNETT

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